

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

RONALD JAY BIANCHI,

Petitioner,

v.

JERI BOE,

Respondent.

Case No. C22-5957-JLR-SKV

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable S. Kate Vaughan, United States Magistrate Judge:

This is a federal habeas action proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On April 9, 2023, Petitioner submitted to the Court for filing his response to Respondent's answer to Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus. Dkt. 9. However, Petitioner failed to sign his responsive brief. *See id.* at 30. Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, an unrepresented litigant is required to personally sign every pleading filed with the Court, and the Court is required to strike any unsigned pleading unless the omission is promptly corrected after being called to the party's attention. Because Petitioner's responsive brief does not bear his

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signature, the document is procedurally deficient, and Petitioner must correct this deficiency if he wishes for the Court to consider the brief.

Accordingly, Petitioner is directed to re-submit the final page of his brief, properly signed and dated, not later than ***Monday, April 24, 2023***. Petitioner may, in the alternative, submit a signed and dated copy of his entire brief by the date designated above. Respondent's answer to Petitioner's petition (Dkt. 7) is RE-NOTED on the Court's calendar for consideration on ***Friday, April 28, 2023***. Respondent shall file any reply brief by that date.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Minute Order to Petitioner, to counsel for Respondent, and to the Honorable James L. Robart.

DATED this 11th day of April, 2023.

RAVI SUBRAMANIAN, Clerk

By s/ Laura Hobbs  
Deputy Clerk